



SPOKANE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION

Affirming Parental Rights and Authority over their Children's Education

Executive Summary: This resolution affirms parents as the primary authority in their children's upbringing and education and supports policies that protect parental rights, educational transparency, and school choice. It advocates local control, academic excellence, school safety, fiscal accountability, religious liberty, and civic education, while emphasizing strong families and parental involvement as essential to preserving liberty and strengthening communities.

WHEREAS, parents are the primary authority responsible for the upbringing, education, moral formation, and welfare of their children; and

WHEREAS, the family is the foundational institution of society, and parents possess both the right and responsibility to direct the education and development of their children; and

WHEREAS, educational systems exist to serve students and families and should operate in partnership with parents while respecting their fundamental role in the educational process; and

WHEREAS, transparency, accountability, and parental involvement strengthen educational outcomes and promote public confidence in educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, parents have a legitimate interest in knowing the curriculum, instructional materials, policies, and practices affecting the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, students have diverse educational needs, goals, talents, and learning styles that may be best served through a variety of lawful educational options; and

WHEREAS, educational excellence is promoted through high academic standards, safe learning environments, responsible stewardship of resources, and accountability for educational performance; and

WHEREAS, local control of education strengthens responsiveness to families and communities and promotes citizen participation in decisions affecting local schools; and

WHEREAS, a free society benefits from respect for religious liberty, viewpoint diversity, and the free exchange of ideas within a framework of civil discourse and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, an informed citizenry depends upon a sound understanding of the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, American history, civic responsibility, and the principles of constitutional self-government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spokane County Republican Party (the "Party") reaffirms that parents are the primary authority responsible for the upbringing and education of their children and supports policies that respect and protect parental rights and responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports educational transparency, including meaningful parental access to curriculum, instructional materials, educational records, policies, and information affecting their children's education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports meaningful school choice and recognizes the right of families to pursue the lawful educational option that best meets the needs of their children, including

public schools, private schools, charter schools, home-based education, vocational education, technical education, and other lawful educational opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports local control of education and believes educational decisions should be made as close to students, parents, and communities as reasonably possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports academic excellence, measurable educational achievement, safe schools, fiscal accountability, and responsible stewardship of educational resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports policies that promote school safety, maintain orderly learning environments, and protect students and school personnel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports respect for religious liberty, freedom of conscience, and viewpoint diversity within educational institutions and opposes discrimination based upon religious belief or lawful expression of ideas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports instruction in the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, American history, civic responsibility, and the principles of constitutional government and self-government that have shaped the American Republic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that candidates and elected officials receiving Party endorsement should support policies that strengthen parental involvement, educational opportunity, academic achievement, and accountability within the education system; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Spokane County Republican Party affirms that strong families, informed citizens, parental authority, educational excellence, and local accountability are essential to preserving liberty, strengthening communities, and preparing future generations for responsible citizenship in a constitutional republic.

Adopted by we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County, assembled in convention on this 22nd day of August 2026.

Signed: _____,

Chair, Spokane County Republican Party Convention

Signed: _____,

Secretary, Spokane County Republican Party Convention